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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GC: ITEMS 12.4 AND 63: BELGIAN
DR (18 C/PLEN/DR.15) RE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

1. FOLLOWING TEXT SUBMITTED FOR DEPARTMENT'S REFERENCE.
DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THIS ITEM SCHEDULED FOR DEBATE AND VOTE FOR AFTERNOON
OF NOVEMBER 12.

BEGIN TEXT: PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (DOCUMENT 18 C/103
DATED 1 OCTOBER 1974)

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON 1 MAY 1974 CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME OF
ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER, AND RESOLUTION 1911 (LVII), ADOPTED BY
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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH

SESSION, WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1975, SHOULD "DECIDE ON MEASURES DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT THE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE CHANGES REQUIRED IN THE EXISTING STRUCTURES AND INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM",

FURTHER RECALLING THAT THIS SAME RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL REQUESTS "ALL ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION",

COMMUNICATES THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WILL BE BASED ON GROWING EQUALITY AMONG THE PEOPLES IN THE USE OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES AND ON A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF MANKIND WHICH WILL LEAD IT TO TAKE ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN HAND WITH A FULL APPRECIATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUTURE SECURITY OF THE ENERGY, FOOD, AND RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES OF ALL NATIONS AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT, IN THE PRESENT STATE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND WITH THE RESOURCES AT PRESENT KNOWN TO BE AVAILABLE, THE WIDESPREAD ATTAINMENT OF A HIGH LEVEL OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH REMAINS THE CENTRAL OBJECTIVE AND PRIME CONDITION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND WHICH UNDERLIES THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT RAPIDLY EXHAUSTING THOSE RESOURCES AND LEADING TO QUICKER DETERIORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. NEVERTHELESS, ADVANCES IN SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DRAW ON RESOURCES

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OF ENERGY, FOODSTUFFS AND RAW MATERIALS WHICH ARE AT PRESENT UNUSED OR EVEN NOT YET IDENTIFIED. FURTHER KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES STILL TO BE DEvised WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SLOW DOWN, ARREST OR EVEN REVERSE THE DETERIORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THUS ENABLING THE HOPED-FOR ECONOMIC EXPANSION TO BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT DETRIMENT;

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE THUS SEEN TO BE NOT ONLY THE
MAINSRING OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS ITSELF BUT ALSO THE
INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE MEN TO CONTINUE THIS
PROGRESS BY STEADILY ENLARGING THE BOUNDS OR REDUCING
THE LIMITATIONS WHICH SEEM TO BE IMPOSED ON GROWTH BY
THE IMPERFECTION OF EXISTING TECHNIQUES AND OF THE
MEASURES AT PRESENT APPLIED TO PROTECT THE GENERAL

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INTEREST. NEVERTHELESS, THE RELIEF FROM SUCH
CONSTRAINTS WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED ONLY IF
ADEQUATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK HAS BEEN
INITIATED IN GOOD TIME AND WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES.
IT IS THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL NATIONS
PARTICIPATING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC
ORDER TO SEE THAT THIS WORK IS UNDERTAKEN AND ORGANIZED
IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY;

THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THE OBSTACLES HINDERING

DEVELOPMENT IS VITAL IF RESEARCH PROGRAMMES ARE TO BE STARTED IN GOOD TIME FOR THE PURPOSE OF OVERCOMING OR FINDING WAYS ROUND THESE OBSTACLES. ATTENTION WILL HAVE TO BE DEVOTED NOT ONLY TO THE DIFFICULTIES THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE AT PRESENT ENCOUNTERING IN THEIR ECONOMIC ADVANCE BUT ALSO TO THE NEW OBSTACLES WHICH WILL ARISE AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS ITSELF. THE MAIN OBJECT OF EACH NATION'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY THESE

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OBSTACLES AND TO APPLY THE NECESSARY MEANS FOR FINDING NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS THEY RAISE. UNESCO FURNISHES ASSISTANCE TO ITS MEMBER STATES FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WILL HAVE ALSO TO IDENTIFY OBSTACLES WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ENCOUNTERING THEM, OR BECAUSE THEY AFFECT THE WHOLE WORLD, WILL NEED TO BE OVERCOME BY CONCERTED ACTION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. OWING TO ITS GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS FIELD, UNESCO IS ABLE TO RENDER OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE NEW FUNCTION WHICH THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION REQUIRES TO BE ORGANIZED;

THE ACCULTURATION OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO ENABLE THEM TO ACQUIRE THE MENTAL STRUCTURES NEEDED FOR THE WIDESPREAD USE OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE FOR SOLVING THE DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS OF PROGRESS, SURVIVAL AND ADAPTATION IN ALL FIELDS, ALSO IMPLIES AN UNPRECEDENTED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR ALL AT ALL LEVELS. UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EFFORT IS IMPORTANT. ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION WILL ALSO BE DECISIVE ON THIS POINT;

THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER SHOULD BEGIN BY CO-ORDINATION AMONG ALL THE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. SUCH PLANNING COULD BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE WITH AN OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR ELABORATING THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, TO AVOID A CENTRALIZATION WHICH WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE AUTONOMY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, THIS OFFICE SHOULD BE PLANNED FROM THE OUTSET AND SHOULD OPERATE REGULARLY, AS A COMMON SERVICE FOR THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE. SUITABLE REGULATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE DEvised TO KEEP THE STAFF OF THIS OFFICE IN CLOSE TOUCH

WITH THE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS;

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AN INTERMEDIATE GROUP CONSISTING OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATES
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS
AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS MIGHT BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR
LIAISON BETWEEN THE PLANNING OFFICES AND THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;

UNESCO IS ALREADY IN A POSITION TO COLLABORATE FULLY
WITH THESE NEW STRUCTURES IN THE MATTER OF EDUCATIONAL
PLANNING AND IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
IDENTIFICATION OF OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT, THE
INVENTORY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE CO-ORDINATION
OF SCIENCE POLICIES. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL SEE
THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES ARE DEVELOPED FIRST
AND FOREMOST IN THOSE DIRECTIONS WHICH WILL MEET THE
NEEDS OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION AND THE BODIES DEALING
WITH IT. END TEXT
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